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Course of Study for Undergraduates.

First Year.—The Bible, Historical and Biographical Parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas and Preachers' Text-Book; Wesley's Sermons, vol. I; Discipline; Clark's Preachers' Manual; Watson's Institutes, Part III; Theological Compend; English Grammar; Composition.

Second Year.—The Bible, as to the Institutions of Christianity with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above; Wesley's Sermons, vol. II; Discipline, with reference to Henkle's Analysis; Hymn Book; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV; Watson's Life of Wesley and Observations on Southey; Essay or Sermon, with reference to Quackenbos' Advanced Course of Composition and Rhetoric.

Third Year.—The Bible, as to the Doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above; Wesley's Sermons, vol. III; Discipline; Hymn Book; Watson's Institutes, Part II; Whatley's Rhetoric; Essay or Sermon, with reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

Fourth Year.—The Bible generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above; Wesley's Sermons, vol. IV; Discipline; Hymn Book; Rivers' Elements of Moral Philosophy; Watson's Institutes, Part I; Powell on Succession; Ruter's Church History; Whateley's Logic; Essay or Sermon.

Candidates for admission on trial must be examined on the ordinary branches of an English education, with the addition of Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith and the Witness of the Spirit, and the Bible generally.

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OF THE

Forty-Sixth Session of the Holston Conference,

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, 1869.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 22, 1869.

The Forty-Sixth Session of the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, South, was held at Abingdon, Va., beginning Sept. 22, 1869.

At 9 o'clock, A. M., Bishop David S. Doggett took the Chair, and opened the session of the Conference with religious exercises. After a brief address by the Bishop, the Secretary of the last year called the roll of members, and the following answered to their names:

Timothy Sullins, John M. Crismond, Wm. Hicks, E. E. Wiley, W. G. E. Cunnyngham, Wm. Robeson, R. M. Hickey, C. Long, W. W. Neal, W. H. Bates, J. M. McTeer, J. C. Hyden, R. N. Price, David Sullins, James S. Kennedy, John Boring, J. R. Long, J. W. Dickey, G. Taylor, G. W. Miles, G. Stewart, F. Richardson, P. S. Sutton, A. E. Woodward, B. W. S. Bishop, L. C. Delashmit, Thos. F. Glenn, W. H. Cooper, J. K. Stringfield, J. W. Bowman, C. K. Miller, A. J. Frazier, F. A. Farley, Enoch W. Moore, G. W. K. Green, S. R. Wheeler, T. K. Haynes, J. L. M. French, J. R. Payne, J. Smith, W. H. Stevens, J. Brillhart, H. C. Neal, S. D. Gaines, G. W. Martin, J. Torbitt, S. Phillips, J. A. Wiggins, F. D. Crumley, B. Arbogast, E. Vertigens, J. Mahoney, G. W. Callahan, J. S. W. Neal, W. H. Weaver, W. W. Pyatt, G. T. Gray, D. B. Carter.

The roll of lay Delegates being called, the following answered to their names:

Wytheville District	—	Eli C. Hale, Peter Gallagher, J. W. Paulett.
Pearisburg	"	Rev. W. E. Neal.
Abingdon	"	Rev. J. P. Thomas, M. Y. Heiskell.
Jonesboro'	"	Rev. E. E. Hoss, J. F. Broyles.
Rogersville	"	W. B. Aston.
Knoxville	"	Vincent A. Moore.
Athens	"	J. R. P. Ball, David Cleage, V. R. Allen.
Chattanooga	"	John A. Wilton.
Pikeville	"	V. C. Montgomery, Samuel H. Dickey.
Asheville	"	R. B. Vance, D. Profitt, J. D. Reynds, J. H. Calfse.
Franklin	"	Wm. G. Wilson.

On motion, R. N. Price was appointed Secretary, and J. K. Stringfield and J. R. Payne were appointed Assistant Secretaries.

On motion, a bar was established and members were required to sit within the limits when exercising the right of voting.

The hours for meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

For reasons given, the Joint Board of Finance was re-appointed, as follows:

Wytheville District	—	S. D. Gaines, Peter Gallagher.
Pearisburg	"	G. W. K. Greene, W. E. Neal.
Abingdon	"	John C. Hyden, W. Y. Heiskell.
Jonesboro'	"	J. W. Bowman, F. W. Earnest.
Rogersville	"	F. A. Farley, W. B. Aston.
Knoxville	"	Jacob Smith, V. A. Moore.
Athens	"	W. W. Neal, David Cleage.
Chattanooga	"	H. C. Neal, C. A. Long.
Pikeville	"	L. C. Delashmit, E. C. Montgomery.
Asheville	"	Frank Richardson, R. B. Vance.
Franklin	"	Thomas F. Glenn, W. G. Wilson.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship.—J. W. Dickey, W. G. E. Cunnyngham, John C. Hyden, B. Arbogast.

Books and Periodicals.—B. Arbogast, Joseph Torbitt, Jas. F. Broyles.

Education.—T. P. Thomas, T. Sullins, R. B. Vance, J. W. Paulett, F. M. Grace.

Sunday Schools.—E. E. Hoss, Eli C. Hale, Edward Vertigens.
Bible Cause.—J. Atkins, J. R. Ball, James Wagg.
Church Property.—G. W. Callahan, T. F. Smith, A. J. Frazier, E. C. Reeves, Geo. Stewart, Geo. T. Gray, Jos. A. Wiggins, J. L. M. French, S. H. Dickey, J. Profitt, J. Mahoney.
Colored People.—L. K. Haynes, J. F. Frazier, V. C. Allen.
Camp-Meetings.—Chas. K. Miller, C. Long, J. M. Crismond.
State of the Church.—James P. Kelley, T. P. Summers, W. P. Doane.
Temperance.—J. S. W. Neal, B. F. White, W. H. Cooper.

The FIFTH QUESTION, "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" being called, was answered as follows: W. H. Barnes was received from the North Carolina Conference, Jas. Atkins from the Baltimore Conference, and A. R. Bennick from the South Carolina Conference.

The FIFTEENTH QUESTION, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" being called, the characters of the following ministers were duly examined and passed: John Reynolds, Joseph Haskew, Timothy Sullins, Wiley B. Winton, and Thos. K. Munsey, were continued in the Superannuated relation.

W. H. Kelley, W. P. Queen, L. W. Crouch, and J. W. Belt, were continued in the Supernumerary relation.

J. D. Baldwin, Hardy M. Bennett, and Charles K. Miller, were returned to the effective list.

R. N. Price was excused from the Committee of the Third Year, and Frank Richardson was appointed in his place.

At 1 o'clock Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, Sept. 23, 1869.

The Bishop took the Chair at the hour of meeting, and religious services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Dickey.

The roll was called, and the following members appeared, who had not been present on the former call:

CLERICAL: Joseph Haskew, T. F. Smith, B. F. White, J. T. Frazier, C. T. Carroll, G. M. Massey, F. M. Grace, W. L. Turner.

LAY: Rev. James Wagg, from the Wytheville District; Rev. T. P. Thomas, James P. Kelley, from the Abingdon District; and Rev. E. E. Hoss, from the Jonesboro' District.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

A communication from A. H. Redford, containing an exhibit of the operations of the Publishing House at Nashville, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

A communication from Dr. J. B. McFerrin, in relation to his History of Methodism in Tennessee, accompanied by a copy of the first volume of his work, was referred to the same Committee.

A report from the Trustees of Holston Conference Female College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from A. B. Stark, Editor of the Home Monthly, was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

B. Arbogast, President of Martha Washington College, presented and read a report in regard to the operations of that Institution, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The following resolution, presented by E. E. Wiley and J. K. Stringfield, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Church Property be requested to ascertain, as far as possible, the amount of property within the bounds of this Conference, rightfully belonging to the M. E. Church, South, now wrongfully held by the M. E. Church, North, and to state in their report the probable value of such property, and also to specify the places where it is to be found.

On motion, the Conference resolved to consider the examination of character with open doors.

The FIFTEENTH QUESTION was resumed, and the characters of the following Elders were examined and passed:

J. M. McTeer, B. W. S. Bishop, W. L. Turner, S. D. Gaines, J. R. Payne, G. W. Callahan, Wm. Hicks, T. F. Smith, W. P. Doane, W. H. Stevens, James W. Bennett, James W. Dickey, W. G. E. Cunnyngham, B. Arbogast, J. C. Hyden, A. J. Frazier, Josiah Torbitt, D. Sullins, E. E. Wiley, James A. Davis, G. W. Miles, D. B. Carter, John W. Bowman, S. R. Wheeler, G. W. Martin, Wm. Robeson, George Stewart, F. A. Farley, P. S. Sutton, W. H. Cooper, J. M. Crismond, W. H. Bates, G. Taylor, B. F. Nucholls, W. B. Lyda, A. E. Woodward, G. T. Gray, Jacob Smith, and F. M. Grace.

Pending this question, Rev. C. H. Wiley, Agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced to the Conference, and made some interesting remarks, which were appropriately responded to by the Bishop. Revs. Messrs. Stewart and Hogshead, of the Presbyterian Church, were also introduced, and invited to seats within the bar.

After the usual notices had been given, Conference adjourned with the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, Sept. 24, 1869.

The Bishop took the Chair at the proper hour,

and religious services were held by Wm. Robeson.

The roll was called, and the following took their seats who had not before been present:

G. A. Long, Chattanooga District; A. G. Pendleton and Edward Johnson, Pearisburg District; and Rev. Geo. Spake, lay delegate from Franklin District.

The minutes were read and amended. B. Arbogast, from the Board of Visitors to Emory and Henry College, read the report, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Dabney Ball, of the Baltimore Conference, was introduced.

The FIFTEENTH QUESTION was resumed, and the following were examined and passed, completing the list of Elders:

R. M. Hickey, James K. Stringfield, J. Brilhart, W. W. Neal, C. Long, H. C. Neal, J. L. M. French, Sewell Phillips, L. C. Delashmit, J. Boring, L. K. Haynes, B. F. White, J. R. Long, R. N. Price, W. M. Kerr, J. S. Kennedy, F. Richardson, James Mahoney, E. W. Moore, T. F. Glenn, C. Campbell, J. W. Bird.

The character of W. H. Moody was passed, and he was granted a location at his own request.

The character of J. N. Somers was passed, and he was continued in a Supernumerary relation.

Complaints being lodged against the character of R. W. Pickens, the case was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Asheville District for investigation.

The SECOND QUESTION, "Who remain on trial?" was called, and Daniel H. Carr, Robert H. Parker, M. L. Clendenin, A. Q. Harmon, Stephen I. Harrison, Kennerly C. Atkins, Tyre T. Salyer, and W. W. W. Bays, were called before the Bishop, and having answered the ques-

tions propounded in the Discipline, their characters were passed, and they were admitted into full connection, except Stephen I. Harrison, who was referred to the Committee for re-examination on the course of study.

The SEVENTH QUESTION, "What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?" was called, and K. C. Atkins, T. T. Salyer, D. H. Carr, and R. H. Parker, were elected to Deacons orders.

Conference then adjourned with the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, Sept. 25, 1869.

The Bishop took the Chair, and services were conducted by Dr. T. O. Summers.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Summers, Editor of the Christian Advocate and of the Sunday School Visitor, was introduced, and made some remarks on the subject of our Publishing interests.

The following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats:

Rev. T. P. Summers, of the Rogersville District; David A. Browder, of the Athens District; H. S. Bowen, of the Abingdon District; E. C. Reeves, of the Jonesboro' District. Also W. P. Queen and Thomas P. Queen, of the Clerical Members.

Dr. W. E. Munsey, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced.

J. Atkins, former Agent of the Sunday School Cause, read a report of the disposition he had

made of the funds and books that were in his hands at the time of the discontinuance of his agency, which was referred to a Committee of the Presiding Elders.

The case of Stephen I. Harrison was called again, when the Committee on the Second Year having reported his examination satisfactory, he was admitted into full connection.

The class of the Third Year was called, when John S. W. Neal and Wm. H. Weaver having been duly recommended by the Committee of Examination, their characters were passed and they were continued in the relation of Deacons.

The character of Sterling V. Bates was passed, and he was placed in a Supernumerary relation.

W. W. Pyatt was reported by the Committee as absent from examination. He was excused for want of preparation on the ground of having been occupied in revivals of religion of extraordinary character; his character passed, and he was continued in the third year.

Geo. T. Gray was excused from examination, with the understanding that he is to prepare on the studies of both the third and fourth years, before the next Conference, and his character passed.

The Class of the Fourth Year was called. Jacob T. Frazier not having submitted to examination on the course of study, his character was passed, and he was continued in the order of Deacons.

G. W. K. Greene was called, and the Commit-

tee reported that he had not been before them for examination.

Charles T. Carroll being properly recommended by the Examining Committee, his character was passed, and he was elected to Elder's orders.

G. W. Martin not being recommended for promotion by the Committee, was continued in the relation of a Deacon.

On motion, the character of M. A. Davidson was passed, and he was located at his own request.

E. Vertigens being recommended by the Committee, was elected to Elder's orders.

F. D. Crumley's character was passed, but a motion to elect him to Elder's orders failed, because he had not completed the course of study, and he was continued in Deacon's orders.

The character of Jos. A. Wiggins was passed, but for similar cause he was continued in Deacon's orders.

At this point the Bishop made some remarks commending the action of the Conference in refusing to confer orders on those who had not fully accomplished the prescribed course of study.

The EIGHTH QUESTION, "What local preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?" was called, and the following were duly elected: Charles M. Utley, A. G. Thompson, John Prather, Jas. McCulloch, Hamilton B. Blackburn, John G. Tate, W. K. January, Joel Seagraves, Chas. M. Greer, Abner J. Deane.

The TENTH QUESTION, "What local preachers are elected and ordained Elders?" was answered as follows: Wesley M. O'Brien, Geo. Creamer, Wm. R. King, George Spake, George Cole.

Samuel G. Swisher, of the Quarterly Conference of Cleveland Circuit, having recently withdrawn, together with his congregation, from the Congregational Methodist Church, was recognized by vote of the Conference as a local preacher in Elder's orders.

A communication from Dr. Bennett, of Virginia, in reference to his proposed history of Methodism in that State, was referred to the Historical Society.

Bishop Doggett and Dr. Summers called attention to the "Life and Times of Bishop McKendree," by Bishop Paine, now in press at Nashville.

After usual notices, Conference adjourned with the benediction.

SERVICES ON THE SABBATH.

There was preaching in every house of worship in the city by some of the members of Conference or the ministers in attendance from abroad.

Bishop Doggett preached a most eloquent sermon at the Conference room at 11 o'clock, on Acts XX: 24, and afterwards performed the ordination of Deacons in the presence of a vast multitude.

In the afternoon, Rev. Dr. Summers, Editor of

the Christian Advocate, preached on the sentence in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom come," a luminous and edifying discourse, after which the Bishop performed the ordination of Elders.

On Saturday night, the Missionary Anniversary was held, and was addressed by Dr. Summers and Dr. Munsey, after which a collection was taken up, amounting to four hundred and twenty-four dollars.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, Sept. 27, 1869.

Bishop Doggett took the chair at the hour of meeting, and religious worship was conducted by Wm. Hicks.

Rev. G. R. Barr, of the Methodist Protestant Church, was introduced.

The FOURTH QUESTION, "Who are readmitted?" was called and answered as follows: Thos. J. Pope, James T. Smith, and W. C. Bowman.

Samuel B. Harwell was received from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and granted a superannuated relation.

Alexander Doniphan was received from the Methodist Protestant Church, as a traveling Elder.

Dr. B. B. Lenoir, of the Knoxville District, took his seat as a lay delegate.

The hour previously agreed upon having arrived, Conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the ensuing General Conference, to meet

at Memphis, Tenn., in May, 1870. The Chair announced that the Conference was entitled to five ministerial and five lay delegates. D. Sullins and B. W. S. Bishop were appointed tellers, and the Conference proceeded to ballot. The first ballot resulted in the election of Carroll Long, and the second in the election of E. E. Wiley and David Sullins.

On motion, the election was suspended at 12 o'clock, to hear the address of Dr. W. E. Munsey, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. After a very eloquent and powerful address, a Committee was appointed to consider certain recommendations which had been urged by the Secretary in regard to missionary operations. The Committee consisted of W. G. E. Cunnyngham, C. Long, and R. B. Vance.

Conference then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, Sept. 27, 3 P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment, and proceeded with the balloting for delegates to the General Conference. On the third ballot. John M. McTeer was elected, and on the fifth W. G. E. Cunnyngham was chosen. R. N. Price and Wm. Hicks were chosen as reserve delegates.

Conference then proceeded to the election of lay delegates to the General Conference, the laity voting alone. The first ballot resulted in the choice of R. B. Vance; the second in that of T. P. Thomas; the third in that of F. W. Earnest and David Cleage; the fourth in that of W. B.

Aston; and the fifth in the choice of Henry S. Bowen and G. A. Long, as reserves.

After some remarks in behalf of the Christian Advocate and Sunday School Visitor, by Dr. Summers, and a brief valedictory by Dr. Munsey, the Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, Sept. 28, 9 A. M.

Conference met and was led in devotions by R. M. Hickey.

The case of J. H. Jefferson was called, and after some discussion his character was passed and he was granted a location at his own request.

The FIRST QUESTION was now called, "Who are admitted on trial?" The following, mostly young men, were admitted from the circuits annexed:

Joseph L. McGhee, from Marion Circuit.
James R. Handy, from Jefferson Circuit.
Erastus H. Boyle, from East Tazewell Circuit.
George D. French, from Seddonsville Circuit.
Timothy P. Darr, from Seddonsville Circuit.
Patton J. Lockhart, from Liberty Hill Circuit.
E. Embree Hoss, from Jonesboro' Station.
James K. P. Ball, from Athens Circuit.
Isaac R. Ellis, from Chattanooga Station.
Robert H. Frist, from Chattanooga Station.
Edward W. Marsh, from Kingston Circuit.

The FOURTEENTH QUESTION, "Who have died this year?" being called, and the answer being "None," the Bishop called on the Conference to join in singing the Doxology, "Praise God," &c., after which Dr. Wiley led the Conference in

thanksgiving and prayer, and the ministers consecrated themselves afresh to the work of preaching the Gospel.

After these exercises, the regular business was resumed, and John C. Hyden presented the Report of the Joint Board of Finance, which was discussed and adopted. It may be found in the Appendix.

E. C. Reeves, from the Committee on Church Property, presented their report, pending the discussion of which Conference adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 29, 9 A. M.

Conference met, the Bishop in the Chair, and G. W. Miles conducted opening services.

The report on Church Property was taken up, and the Committee having requested the privilege of revising one of their resolutions, this was granted, and the report as thus offered was adopted. See Appendix.

In pursuance to a resolution contained in the report, the following brethren were appointed a Committee to visit the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church at its next session, viz: E. E. Wiley, B. Arbogast, R. N. Price, F. W. Earnest, E. C. Reeves.

B. Arbogast presented the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals, which was adopted. See Report in Appendix.

The report of the Committee on Education was

presented, and read in different sections by T. P. Thomas, F. M. Grace, and R. B. Vance. After some amendments it was adopted. See Report in Appendix.

After notices, Conference adjourned to 3 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 29, 3 P. M.

By request of the Bishop, E. E. Wiley took the Chair.

Wm. Hicks, from Committee of Presiding Elders, on the report of James Atkins, former Agent for Sunday Schools, made their report, which was adopted. Appendix.

E. E. Hoss presented the Report of the Committee on Snnday-Schools, which was adopted. See appendix.

James P. Kelley made the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was adopted. Appendix.

G. Taylor presented the report of the Trustees of the Ambrister Fund, which was adopted. Appendix.

J. M. Crismond presented the report of the Committee on Camp Meetings, which was adopted. Appendix.

James Atkins presented the report of the Committee on the Bible Cause, which was adopted. Appendix.

A series of resolutions, by J. S. Kennedy and J. R. Payne, in reference to the duties of Examining Committees, was adopted. See Appendix.

A series of resolutions, by Frank Richardson,

in regard to Missionary Meetings, was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Christian Advocate. Appendix.

J. R. Payne, Assistant Secretary, presented the Statistical Report, which was adopted. Appendix.

J. K. Haynes presented the report of the Committee on the Colored People, which was recommitted and subsequently bruoght forward and adopted. Appendix.

W. G. E. Cunnyngham presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, in relation to which the Bishop made some appropriate remarks, after which it was adopted. Appendix.

Conference then adjourned to meet at 7½ P. M., to hear the reading of the appointments for the next year.

WEDNESDAY EVE, Sept. 29, 7½ P. M.

The Bishop took the chair, and the minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

J. W. Dickey presented the report of the Board of Domestic Missions, which was adopted. See Appendix.

J. S. W. Neal presented the report of the Committee on Temperance, which was adopted. See Appendix.

On motion of W. H. Bates, the Secretary was instructed to have the minutes of the Conference published.

The several Committees of Examination for Undergraduates were announced, as follows:

Admission on Trial—G. Taylor, S. Phillips, H. C. Neal.
1st Year—Wm. Hicks, S. R. Wheeler, B. W. S. Bishop.

2d " J. S. Kennedy, J. R. Long, E. W. Moore.
3d " R. N. Price, W. C. Bowman, W. Robeson.
4th " W. G. E. Cunnyngham, E. E. Wiley, D. Sullins.

By resolution, J. S. Kennedy was requested to preach the Conference sermon on Wednesday night of the next session.

Question TWENTY-SECOND, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was answered by the election of Wytheville, Va.

A series of resolutions of thanks offered by R. B. Vance and Geo. Stewart was adopted by a rising vote.

A resolution was adopted appointing R. B. Vance as Agent of the Conference, to look after the interests of its Church property.

It was resolved to request the Bishops to hold the future sessions of the Conference in the month of October.

Peter Gallagher offered a resolution instructing the Presiding Elders to collect the amount necessary to defray the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference, which was adopted.

Miscellaneous business being finished, the Bishop called the TWENTY-THIRD QUESTION, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" and preparatory to reading the appointments made some appropriate and excellent remarks upon the economy of Methodism in the annual distribution of pastors and the operations of the itinerant plan.

The following list of appointments was then made, and the Conference adjourned *sine die.*

APPOINTMENTS.

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT—J. W. Dickey, P. E.
" Station—R. H. Parker.
" Circuit—E. W. Moore, T R. Handy.
Newbern " B. W. S. Bishop.
Hillsville Station—B. F. White.
" Circuit—Kennerly C. Atkins.
Sparta " Timothy P. Darr.
Grayson " G. W. Callahan, J. R. Payne.
Jefferson " Patton J. Lockhart.
Marion " S. D. Gaines.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT—Wm. Hicks, P. E.
" Station—A. J. Frazier.
Liberty Hill Circuit—J. W. Bennett.
Buchanan Mission—To be supplied.
East Tazewell Circuit—J. T. Frazier, W. H. Kelly, Supernumerary.
McDowell Mission—A. Q. Harmon.
Princeton Circuit—G. W. K. Greene.
Pearisburg " W. P. Doane, George D. French.
Flat Top Mission—To be supplied.
Seddonsville Circuit—P. S. Sutton.

ABINGDON DISTRICT—Wm. Robeson, P. E.
" Station—H. C. Neal.
" Circuit—J. C. Hyden, J. Haskew.
Saltville " E. Vertigens, W. C. Bowman.
Lebanon " J. Torbitt, H. W. Bays.
Bristol Station—D. Sullins.
" Circuit—Wm. H. Barnes.
Dickensonville Circuit—J. M. Crismond.
Gladeville Mission—S. J. Harrison.
Martha Washington College—B. Arbogast, President; W. G. E. Cunnyngham, Professor.
Emory and Henry College—E. E. Wiley, President; James A. Davis, Professor.

ROGERSVILLE DISTRICT—F. Richardson, P. E.
Morristown and Mossy Creek—George Stewart.
Russellville Circuit—C. K. Miller.
Rutledge " T. F. Smith.
Rogersville and Kingsport—D. R. Smith.
Powell's Valley—D. H. Carr.
Jonesville—A. Doniphan.
Estillville—F. D. Crumley.
Pattonsville—W. L. Turner, J. W. Belt, Supernumerary.
Rye Cove—J. M. Massey, W. P. Queen, "

JONESBORO' DISTRICT—G. W. Miles, P. E.
Jonesboro' and Greeneville Station—E. E. Hoss.
Jonesboro and Elizabethton Circuit—F. A. Farley, A. R. Bennick.
Rheatown and Greene " J. W. Bowman.
Blountville " S. R. Wheeler, W. D. Mitchell.
Taylorsville and Cranberry Mission—To be supplied.
Fall Branch Circuit—J. T. Freeman.
St. Clair " D. B. Carter.
Newport " J. Mahoney.
Watauga " To be supplied.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT—J. M. McTeer, P. E.
" Station—G. Taylor.
" Mission—To be supplied.
Lenoir and Knox Circuit—W. W. W. Bays.
Maryville and Louisville—George T. Gray.
Tazewell and Jacksboro'—J. D. Baldwin.
Dandridge and New Market—M. L. Clendenin.
Clinton and Maynardsville—T. T. Salyer.
Sevierville and Little River—To be supplied.
East Tennessee University—F. M. Grace, Professor.

ATHENS DISTRICT—Carroll Long, P. E.
" Station—J. L. M. French.
" Circuit—B. F. Nuckolls.
Madisonville—Coleman Campbell.
Citico Mission—To be supplied.
Sweetwater Circuit—J. Brilhart, J. L. McGhee.
Riceville " J. T. Smith, L. W. Crouch, Supernumerary.
Decatur—A. E. Woodward.
Mine City Station—J. S. W. Neal.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT—R. M. Hickey, P. E.
" Station—C. T. Carroll.
" Circuit—Isaac R. Ellis.
Cleveland Station—J. Atkins.
" Circuit—W. W. Pyatt, S. V. Bates, Supernumerary.
Charleston and Calhoun Station—L. K. Haynes.
Benton Circuit—Robert H. Frist.
Trenton " Jacob Smith.
Etna " L. L. H. Carlock.

PIKEVILLE DISTRICT—W. W. Neal, P. E.
" Circuit—L. C. Delashmit.
Jasper " W. B. Lyda.
Washington " Erastus H. Boyle.
Hamilton " E. W. Marsh.
Kingston " S. Phillips, D. H. Atkins.
Tracy City and Spencer Mission—H. M. Bennett.
Cumberland and Jamestown—To be supplied.

Asheville District—J. Boring, P. E.
" Station—W. H. Bates.
" Circuit—T. J. Pope.
Sulphur Springs—W. H. Cooper.
Brevard—J. W. Bird.
Hendersonville—James K. P. Ball.
Catawba Circuit—J. N. Somers, Supernumerary. One to be supplied.
Burnsville " G. W. Martin.
Marshall and Pine Creek Mission—To be supplied.
Asheville Female College—J. S. Kennedy, President; J. K. Stringfield, Professor.

Franklin District—J. R. Long, P. E.
" Circuit—T. F. Glenn.
Murphy " Walter H. Stevens.
Ft. Hembree " W. H. Weaver.
Webster " N. W. Vaughan.
Waynesville " Joseph A. Wiggins.
Echota Indian Mission—To be supplied.
Cheowa " " " "

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Wytheville District—S. D. Gaines.
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Abingdon " J. C. Hyden.
Rogersville " T. F. Smith.
Jonesboro' " S. R. Wheeler.
Knoxville " J. D. Baldwin.
Athens " J. L. M. French.
Chattanooga " C. T. Carroll.
Pikeville " L. C. Delashmit.
Asheville " J. T. Pope.
Franklin " T. F. Glenn.
Lay members to be added on the first day of next session.

DAVID S. DOGGETT, President.

R. N. PRICE, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

Your Committee deem it inexpedient to attempt a statistical exhibit of the increase of the membership of the Church for the last year. Neither do they find the material at hand to give the strength of the membership in the bounds of the Conference. They confine themselves to the actual spiritual condition of the Church, at the present, and to an investigation of the agencies employed by the Conference for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ.

The termination of the political bloody strife, whose foot-prints are still deep in the sands past behind us, found but a very small segment of the area of the Conference enjoying the advantages of regular Church organization. This strife had devasted the land, crushed the aspirations and hopes, chilled the hearts, and for a time paralyzed the hands of the people. Those who had formerly enjoyed our Church Communion, suddenly found themselves without pastors—their Church edifices wrenched from them—their children either nestled at the mother's knee and received the truth from her lips alone, or strayed at will on the Sabbath day. Others sang songs in our Churches, but they produced no melody in our hearts. No money to build new Churches; no money to pay for ministerial labor, that "the waste places might be made to blossom as the rose." What should we do? Only a "remnant of Israel had been saved." Happily for us, Methodism had its origin in equally perilous times; and truly did it exemplify its sublimity. Four years have scarcely passed by, and the agony is over. Our people sit under their own vine and fig tree, and none dare molest or make them afraid. Throughout the whole Conference, Societies have been reorganized, new Churches have been erected, and thousands of children are made glad and led in the way of life through the instrumentality of Sabbath Schools.

To-day the Holston Conference is intact. "Blessed be God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." The spirituality of the Church is nearer its primitive paragonism than in any recent epoch. Your Committee are naturally led to the enquiry, How could such vast results be accomplished, under such untoward circumstances? The answer is easy and natural. The solution of the problem is found in the symmetrical and concordant machinery of our Church organization, as well as in the leaven of truth and grace sown in the hearts of the people, in former years, by the clergy of the Southern Methodist Church. The pride of life had been rooted out and the true gold had been refined by the fires of affliction and persecution.

But animating as the reality of our present prosperity is, our work is not done. Might not greater results have been achieved, and more souls brought into the fold of Christ, by a stricter observance of the tenets of the Church, and a more faithful use of the prudential means of grace, which made the bond of perfectness in the Church in the days of our fathers. For the future, let us, as officers of the Church, regard with godly jealousy the fundamental doctrines and primitive simplicity of the Church. Whoever would remove the least pillar in this temple of grandeur, is but imitating the folly of the ignorant worshiper who dug beneath the ruins of the Ephesian Temple for the fuel upon which it rested to feed the fires on its altars. There is nothing lacking, to set in flames the whole Church, but to give the proper direction to the corelative forces—class-meetings, faithful ministerial labor, pastoral visitation, and systematic financial benevolence. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has but entered upon its career of usefulness. It had its inception and origin in the providential foreknowledge of God. Its mission is to preserve the Gospel of Peace in its purity, in these times of politico-religious conglomeration.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Church is greatly attenuated by the needless increase of preaching places. A policy of consolidation, by which a greater number of classes would be brought into sympathetic association and church communion, would greatly strengthen the Church in most places.

In order to give direction to the views of your Committee, they propose the following resolutions for the action of this body:

1st. *Resolved,* That the success that has crowned the labors of our ministers and people during the past year, should be an incentive for renewed effort in the future, and fill our hearts with profound gratitude to the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift.

2d. *Resolved,* That it shall be the duty of preachers for the Circuits and Stations during the coming year, to specially enjoin upon our people the necessity of a strict observance of class-meetings, and that as an incentive thereto, the preachers themselves shall hold at least one such meeting every quarter, when circumstances will so admit.

3d. *Resolved,* That we will discourage the needless multiplication of preaching places, and endeavor to concentrate larger congregations at our larger Churches already built, and to build others where they do not exist, that the ministry may give more earnest attention to mental culture and pastoral visitation.

4th. *Resolved,* That the response of our Bishops to the communication from Bishops Janes and Simpson, of the M. E. Church, meets with the hearty endorsement of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES P. KELLY,
W. P. DOANE.

Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the fact that the usefulness of the Church depends, in a great manner, upon its facilities for the education of the young. This work is second only to the preaching of the Gospel. And sanctified by Gospel influence, as it always should be, and generally is, when undertaken by the Church, it is the most mighty instrumentality known for the elevation and salvation of our race. Mere intellectual culture is of doubtful expediency. It often becomes a mighty agent for evil. It warps and deforms the entire being. It subjects the moral nature to cold and cheerless rationalism. But when the intellectual, the moral and the spiritual, are brought under equal and simultaneous culture, there is a harmonious and grand development, as of the roots, the trunk and the branches of "a tree planted by the rivers of water." The world may educate *intellectually;* the Church *only* can educate *morally.* She is "the salt of the earth," without whose savor moral putrification must ensue.

These great truths have been recognized by most Christian denominations; and we are glad to say they have not been ignored by our own. Sanctified mental culture "breathed the breath of life into" Methodism, when it first "became a living soul" in the world; it has sustained that life down to the present time; and the same mighty agent is essential to its prosperity and full development in the future.

The important enquiry then becomes: "Is the Church coming up to the standard of duty in this respect?" We think not. She has done much—much in labor, much in sacrifice. But how little has been done in comparison with what ought to be done! How few even of the youth of the Church are educated! How little of the wealth of the Church is expended in this behalf! How poor, and consequently how much crippled in their operations, are most of our Church institutions of learning! How meagre is their patronage! These things ought not so to be. We humbly believe that no parent has a moral right to impoverish the brains and destroy the usefulness of his child, in order to fill his pockets with sordid pelf. Nor do we think that many would do so, could they fully realize that they are only stewards of God's bounty, and that in the final day they must give an account of their stewardship.

Your Committee regard as first of all in importance, the education of our ministry. The time is past when ignorance can be tolerated in the public teachers of religion. The mere office of the ministry is no passport to the favorable consideration of an enlightened public, without the necessary qualifications. And yet we believe there are many young men throughout our country, whose hearts God has fired to preach the Gospel, but who, for want of means to secure the necessary mental culture, are deterred from the work. "Not many mighty, not many noble, are called." "*To the poor* the Gospel is preached." From this class God raises up many laborers for his harvest. Many of the great lights of the Church have struggled up from ignorance through poverty, to posi-

tions of usefulness, influence and eminence, in the ministry. But how often is the incipient, giant intellect crushed beneath the rubbish of ignorance and poverty! What a noble benefaction the Church may and ought to bestow upon such, in developing and directing their powers to the salvation of thousands of souls.

In connection with this part of their report, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the official members of each Presiding Elder's District in this Conference be requested, at their District Meetings, to adopt such measures as they may deem proper, to keep at Emory and Henry College, or some other good school, one young minister, or candidate for the ministry, of their own selection.

EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report that while there is but one Institution belonging to the Conference, devoted to the education of young men, that one is of such a character that the Church has just reason to sustain it and increase its patronage. The substantial value of the property at Emory and Henry College is a permanent interest of the Church, and should be carefully preserved. The Committee are pleased to report that valuable improvements are making on the dormitories, which will tend to the comfort of the students, and will add several thousand dollars to the value of the property. The erection and subsequent abandonment of costly edifices for the purpose of high schools has been one of the follies of a past impulse in behalf of education in this Conference. The ghastly ruins of those once mighty Institutions stare at us along the lines of travel to admonish us of the fact that it takes a large district of country to sustain an institution of high grade. A few scores of boys and girls may be collected by the first excitement of opening a new school, but these even if numbered by hundreds, do not make a College. It is the grade of instruction, the high and sustained course of study, pursued by young men of mature growth, that entitles any institution to the name of a College, and to supply successive classes of such students requires a wide area of country as a basis of support for the College, so that instead of having three or four Colleges to one Conference, there should properly be but one College for three or four Conferences. For example, Emory and Henry might well unite the efforts of the Baltimore, the Virginia, and the Holston Conferences. The Committee are proud to report that this College has received an extensive patronage from other States and Conferences. Of these, about forty came from Alabama, nine from Georgia, three from Texas, two from Kentucky, five from the Indian Nations, six from Louisiana, one from Mississippi, one from Florida, one from Missouri, one from Illinois, making in all sixty-eight students out of one hundred and eighty-nine, who have come from other States than the three which are partially included in the Holston Conference. Of these three States, Virginia has furnished sixty-eight, Tennessee thirty-two, and North Carolina seven. But in the four higher classes not more than one-half the students are from the

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patronizing Conferences. This leads us to remark upon the manifest indifference of the people of this Conference, of Tennessee particularly, to the subject of collegiate education. Why should Alabama, which has within her borders three splendid Institutions belonging to the Methodist Church, send more students to Emory and Henry than does Tennessee? Manifestly it must be because of a want of interest in the subject of education on the part of our people. It is the province and should be the work of our preachers to insist upon the value of collegiate education, and to resist the influence alluded to in the report of the Visitors of Emory and Henry College, which is willing to take a cheap article of education as a substitute for slow and laborious culture.

The ministry has ever been regarded as a learned profession, and while, under our system, learning has never been required as a qualification for the work of proclaiming the Gospel, nevertheless, the ministry of the Methodist Church have been most zealous in founding and sustaining institutions of learning. We hope they will redouble their efforts for Emory and Henry College. In supporting this Institution, they are rewarding a faithful servant for labor already performed, and are preparing friends for the Church who will in time to come be her most able supporters.

We are happy to be able to state that the sons of members of this Conference are now admitted at Emory and Henry free of tuition, and so it has been in many instances in regard to candidates for the ministry, nevertheless the Trustees regret their inability to meet all the demands of this kind that are made on the resources of the College. It is hoped that before many years some pious and benevolent friend of the Church may deposit a fund with the Trustees of this College for the special purpose of helping young men who are preparing to enter the ministry. Such a legacy might be worth more to the soul of its donor than the annual interest upon bonds or houses on lands, and would be, if given in the spirit of true charity.

The Committee therefore beg leave to report the following resolutions:

1. That we have entire confidence in the management of the Board of Trustees of Emory and Henry College, under the care of this Conference, and that we will earnestly solicit for it the patronage of the people within our respective fields of labor.

2. That the Conference be requested to appoint the usual Board of Visitors to attend the next Annual Commencement, and to report to this body; and we respectfully nominate the following: Benj. Arbogast, Enoch W. Moore, Samuel R. Wheeler, S. D. Gaines, G. Taylor, W. H. Bates, George Stewart, A. W. Stewart, James H. Gosset, Hon. A. S. Fulton, T. P. Summers, J. G. Cecil, A. W. Aston.

THE HOLSTON CONFERENCE FEMALE COLLEGE.

We are pleased to learn that this favorite Institution, under the Presidency of Rev. Jas. S. Kennedy, A.M., has been making steady progress towards its ancient prosperity. During the year, which closed 20th May last, there were 92 pupils present, embracing young ladies from North

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and South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Virginia, &c. The school is deservedly popular in all respects, and promises to be of great use to the Church and the country. Mr. Kennedy's popularity as a gentleman, as a teacher and as a minister, has never been surpassed by any one filling the Presidency.

We regret to state that the debt upon the College (necessarily made for buildings, &c.,) could not be met by the Trustees, and that the same will have to go to sale under a mortgage in the hands of James Webb, Esq., of Baltimore, Md. To prevent the property from passing out of the control of its friends, and that the Institution might sustain, in an educational point of view, the same relation to the Conference as formerly, a Joint Stock Company was formed, who will manage the school on the same plan as before the sale.

1st. *Resolved,* That while we deeply regret that the embarrassments upon the College compel its sale, we are nevertheless gratified that a Joint Stock Company of its old and true friends has been formed for its purchase, who will conduct the College as truly and essentially in the interests of the Church as it has hitherto been.

2d. *Resolved,* That the thanks of this body are due to those who have thus interposed to save the College from an utter and absolute alienation from the purposes for which it was founded and from the control of our friends, and particularly to President Kennedy, whose efforts in this behalf have been untiring.

3d. *Resolved,* That we are much gratified to learn of the degree of success it has already attained, and that we commend the Institution as highly worthy of the confidence and patronage of the public, especially since the daughters of our preachers are educated gratuitously, as heretofore.

4th. *Resolved,* That we recommend the continued appointment of Rev. Jas. S. Kennedy to its Presidency, and the appointment of Rev. Jas. K. Stringfield to a Professorship in the same, as requested in the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees.

MARTHA WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

In reference to this Institution, your Committee are happy to report a steady advancement in prosperity and usefulness. Our confidence in its success is increasing. We believe that in its fortunate location, its thoroughness of instruction, and especially in the skill, ability and energy of its faculty, it has the elements of success. It is now more than paying expenses, having appropriated something even in these times of pecuniary stringency, and consequent slim patronage, to the permanent improvement of its grounds and buildings, without increasing its present indebtedness, besides nearly $500 appropriated to the tuition of the daughters of ministers in the regular work. The debt of the Institution is its great embarrassment. It amounts to about $10,000. We are glad that the Trustees are earnestly laboring for its liquidation through their Agent, Bro. Jos. N. Wilkinson, who has, within the last few days, secured a subscription of about $8,000, to be paid when $20,000 shall have

been subscribed for the payment of the debt and the erection of additional buildings. We commend the enterprise and its Agent to the friends of the Institution.

The patronage of Martha Washington is far below what it should be, and what it would be, if all its friends would exert themselves in its behalf. From the large scope of fertile country, in the bounds of your Conference, convenient to it, by rail or otherwise, it ought to have a patronage, besides that from a distance, of two or three hundred young ladies. But the Church is derelect in duty, in some instances failing to educate her daughters when she is able, and in others sending to schools beyond our bounds and not under our control. We think the ministers of your body could do much, individually, to remedy this great evil, and we think they ought to feel, in conscience bound, to do so.

In conclusion, on this point we most cordially recommend Martha Washington to the confidence, favor and patronage of all our people and friends.

1st. *Resolved,* That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. B. Arbogast to the Presidency, and Dr. W. G. E. Cunnyingham to a Professorship, in Martha Washington College.

2d. *Resolved,* That at the request of the President of Martha Washington College, he be relieved from the delicate duty of reporting to your body the condition of his own Institution, and that the Board of Trustees be requested to report through its President, or some member thereof.

3d. *Resolved,* That T. P. Thomas, Samuel N. Honaker, James Feelds, T. P. Summers, John M. McTeer, G. W. Miles, B. W. S. Bishop, R. N. Price, W. P. Reeves, F. M. Grace, W. B. Aston, J. L. Buchanan, and T. F. Smith, be appointed a Board of Visitors to Martha Washington College.

4th. *Resolved,* That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. F. M. Grace to a Professorship in East Tennessee University.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. P. THOMAS,
T. SULLINS,
JNO. W. PAULETT,
R. B. VANCE,
F. M. GRACE.

Report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

The Committee to whom was referred the several communications on books and periodicals, have carefully examined the papers committed to their charge, and beg leave to report as follows:

The exhibit made by Dr. Redford, of the financial condition of our Publishing House at Nashville, is most satisfactory.

The wisdom of the last General Conference, manifested in the selection of Dr. Redford, a man of first-class business attainments, for the Superintendency of our Book Concern, has been abundantly attested by the satisfactory achievements of the Agent.

We recur to this view of the subject to express our gratitude to the General Conference for giving us Dr. Redford in charge of that work; and our thanks to Dr. Redford himself, for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

We believe that in the affairs of the Church, as well as in affairs of the State, we ought to exercise the greatest possible care in the selection of our agents of trust; and that specific qualifications for the business in hand ought to be made the basis of the selection of the officers of the Church. We repeat, the General Conference has given us, this time, the right man in the right place.

We can, therefore, most heartily commend to the confidence of our people, our publishing enterprise at Nashville, and we solicit for the Agent the most liberal patronage, which it may be in the power of the Church to confer.

Brethren, we are not enhancing the fortunes of Dr. Redford when we purchase books and cast our money into the Treasury of the Agent at Nashville.

We are relieving our own Publishing House from its embarrassments. We are aiding in the distribution of our own literature, and we are accumulating a capital for the Church, which, in ages to come, will dispense blessings to the world.

Let us not complain, therefore, if as a business man, Dr. Redford is rigid in the enforcement of his collections.

Let us not complain, if the prices of our books are somewhat in advance of those of the books of the publishing houses at the North, long established, richly endowed, and so extensively patronized that they may with safety sell at a mininum profit.

Let us remember, that whatever profits accrue to the Publishing House, are our profits, profits for our Church, profits which we trust will be used in the future for the glory of God, and for the honor of Methodism.

It is confidently believed by the Agent, that by the meeting of the ensuing General Conference, the Publishing House will be free from debt.

To achieve this grand result, it was necessary, and may still be necessary for a time, to maintain a reasonable margin of profit on all the sales of the house.

Who will regret the payment of these profits, when the commendable work of rescuing the house from failure, and the Church from dishonor, has been accomplished?

Who will not rather rejoice that he has borne a part in efforts crowned with such signal success, and destined to bless the Church with such permanent good?

Brethren, let us understand, once for all, that if we would see any or

all of the enterprises of Church, favored with the fullest success, we must give these enterprises our sympathy, our zealous commendation, our active support.

We must sink self in a common effort for the general good.

We must remember that no one man, however brilliant his attainments or fervent his zeal, can realize for the Church all good, unaided by the cheerful colabors of his brethren.

The Methodist Church, South, to-day, is the grandest organization for usefulness in the Southern States, could we avail ourselves of our resources of men and money for the work committed to our charge.

Unfortunately, a large per cent. of our sons and daughters are committed to Roman Catholics for education, and with them goes into the treasury of the Roman Catholic Churches the money which ought to enrich our Colleges, and enhance the usefulness of our organization.

Some of our people, to save a few paltry shillings, replenish their libraries and adorn their centre tables with books and periodicals from New York, which our Publishing House could furnish at a small advance on the price paid North, which advance would fall, a precious and timely help, into the treasury of our own Church.

We commend, therefore, to the preachers of the Conference, to the lay delegates, and to all influential members of our Church, the work of purchasing and distributing books among the masses of our people.

Many of the members of our Church are without our Discipline, without our standard work on doctrines and government, without religious biography, without devotional works, so well suited to keep alive the piety of the Church.

Much might thus be done, both for the Publishing House and for our people.

Our members would be more intelligent, would comprehend better the wants of the Church, would better sustain the ministry and all benevolent Church enterprises.

Men must know their duty before doing it.

The history of Methodism shows that our most active and efficient members are our best informed members.

It is not good for our people to be without knowledge.

The world is advancing in knowledge. The adversaries of Christ's Kingdom are availing themselves of increased knowledge and cultivated intellect to assail the strongholds of virtue and piety.

Shall the Church, then, leave its members in ignorance, without weapons of defense, while thus threatened by the emissaries of darkness?

The Committee recommend for the action of the Conference the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved,* That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to Dr. Redford, for the ability and success with which he has managed the interests of the Publishing House.

2d. *Resolved,* That we will do all in our power to promote the circulation of our own books among the people, thereby supplying the people

with useful literature, and aiding the Publishing House in liquidating the remainder of its indebtedness.

THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The Committee beg leave to report in respect to the Christian Advocate and Sunday School Visitor, that as these papers are intimately connected with the Publishing House at Nashville, and as both of them have contributed during the last year to the profits of the house—the former having turned over near $2,000 and the later above $2,200—the Conference ought not only to sustain these papers for their intrinsic worth, but for the valuable aid they are giving the Publishing House.

We recognize the Christian Advocate as the official organ of the Church, and as that paper which specially represents our Conference.

We are grateful to its Editor for the manner in which he has at all times vindicated the cause of right among our people.

We approve of the spirit of the paper. It is conservative in tone, chaste in style, elevated in sentiment, and emphatically a religious, family newspaper.

We earnestly advise all our people to subscribe for the Christian Advocate, to read it, to acquaint themselves with the current events of our history as Methodists, that they may understand our economy better, love our organization more, and labor with increased diligence for the cause of truth in the world.

We counsel in regard to Church papers, as we have counseled in regard to Colleges, that there be not too many of them, that those we have be first-class papers, that they be well sustained, and a source of revenue to the Church, and not a burden.

There are now, and there ought to be, other papers besides the Christian Advocate, bnt we should guard against an unreasonable and unnecessary multiplication of their number.

We read with pleasure many other papers, both those published by order of the General Conference, and those which owe their origin to individual enterprise.

We wish all our papers a more extended circulation, and a wider field of usefulness.

But we caution against the Church neglecting those in which her reputation as a Church is involved, to sustain those which, however valuable, involve in their failure only the reputation of their projectors.

Whatever papers the General Conference has established, we feel bound, for the honor of the Church, to sustain.

Whatever papers individuals have established, we may encourage, if we please, never, however, to the neglect of the official organs.

Finally, we recognize the Home Monthly, published by Brother Stark, as a magazine of merit, published by one of our own brethren, and worthy of whatever encouragement we can give it.

Respectfully submitted.

B. ARBOGAST, Chairman Committee,
JAS. F. BROYLES,
J. H. TORBETT.

DR. McFERRIN.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals has read with pleasure the communication from Dr. McFerrin, accompanied with his first volume on Methodism in Tennessee.

They present for adoption the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That this Conference receives, and will file with their Historical Society, Dr. McFerrin's first volume on Methodism in Tennessee, and that they hereby tender to Dr. McFerrin their thanks for the consideration shown them in the presentation thereof, and they give him assurances that they will make an effort to place this valuable book in the hands of all our people.

2d. *Resolved*, That it is the earnest prayer of all the members of this Conference that God may prolong the life of our beloved brother, until he shall have completed a work which promises so much of good to the Church.

B. ARBOGAST, Chairman Committee.

Report of Committee on Bible Cause.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause would submit the following as their report:

To give the Bible, without note or comment, as an open book, into the hands of all nations, is an important step towards the world's conversion, one that should deeply interest every Christian heart, and call forth earnest effort on the part of all God's ministers.

As the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and as faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the *word* of God, every minister should feel it a part of his duty to see that that precious book of life is in the hands of all his people, for its teachings are able to make men wise unto salvation. A prayerful and daily reading of the Holy Scriptures has a wonderful effect upon all Christian people, for thus read, they enlighten, refine and purify the heart, "For the entrance of the *words* giveth light," and "The *law* of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." We have also long been of the opinion that the *close* and *deep* study of the great truths contained in the Bible is one of the very best methods by which to elevate and expand the human intellect: and accompanied by the Holy Spirit, as it always will be to honest hearts, it is God's chief instrumentality to rectify all the disorders of our depraved moral nature.

We would, therefore, recognize the high obligation that rests upon us to assist in every possible way to put the Scriptures of Divine Truth into the hands of all men, and especially to see that the children and youth of our own country are well supplied. By so doing we will confer a benefit upon society that may be everlasting in its effects, for the Bible is the only book that teaches the whole duty of man to his Creator and to his fellow men, defining clearly the duties of every relation in life.

As the free circulation of the Bible is one of the great needs of the world to-day, we should be devoutly thankful to Almighty God, that in the order of his merciful providence an institution has sprung into being so perfectly adapted to meet this want as the Bible Societies of England and America, printing and circulating the Bible, as they now do, in some near 200 languages and dialects, and they the principal languages of the earth. Surely we witness a day far ahead of the day of pentecost, for

on that day fifteen or twenty nations, through their representatives at Jerusalem, heard the wonderful works of God, each in their own tongue; but to-day the nations hear the same wonderful works in near 200 different languages and dialects throughout their respective Empires.

Cast your eyes abroad over the nations of the earth, and what a scene presents itself to the Christian mind. What a world is this in which God has called us to live; and what a day is this in which *our* lot is cast. Look over the political and moral status of our own beloved country, and of the world, and behold the upheaving elements! But we trust God is in it, and is only shaking the nations to prepare them for some *new* and *glorious* developments that will soon appear; and that the results may be glorious it is the duty of the Christian world to pour the oil of Divine Truth upon the raging waves. Let the voice of the Son of God be heard in the midst of this *storm*, saying, "*peace*, be still." Then the agitated elements shall quiet down into a glorious peace upon the principles of our holy religion, that perhaps shall never again be succeeded by the horrors of war. Then shall the lion and the lamb lie down together, and none shall hurt or harm in all the holy mountain. When the knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the channels of the great deep—when all flesh shall see the salvation of God, and when the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of God and of Christ.

As the free circulation of the Bible will do much towards bringing about this glorious result, therefore,

Resolved by the Holston Annual Conference, That we will heartly cooperate with the Agents of the American Bible Society whenever they visit our fields of labor, and do all we can to sustain and promote the Bible Cause.

Respectfully submitted.

J. ATKINS, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Your Committee is as much as ever convinced of the great evil growing out of the use of intoxicating liquors. We are also fearful that the use of wine is a growing evil; but as this has been so thoroughly investigated heretofore, by our Annual and District Conferences, we would only offer the following:

First. That we will present the subject of Temperance to our people in our sermons, pastorial labors, and communications through the press.

Second. That we will urge with more earnestness the observance of that rule in our Discipline which constitutes our Church a Temperance Society, *per se*.

J. S. W. NEAL,
B. F. WHITE,
W. H. COOPER.

Report of Committee on Colored People.

The Committee on the religious interests of the colored people beg leave to submit their report:

From all the information that we have been able to collect, it appears that a large majority of the colored people, within the bounds of this

Conference, have deserted our Church and formed ecclesiastical relations with other denominations of Christians.

Some have joined the M. E. Church, while the majority, perhaps, have connected themselves with what is known as the African Zion Church.

Their alienation from us is attributable, in a great degree, to the bitter prejudices engendered by the late war. The impression has been made upon their impressible minds that we are their enemies; that the M. E. Church, South, is a pro-slavery organization, and that its ministers and members are desirous of, and are laboring to, effect their re-enslavement. These misrepresentations, as is perfectly natural, have driven the colored people from our congregations, and caused them to forsake and turn against that Church which has expended more money, and done more in every regard for their moral and religious improvement, than all other Churches combined; and under the influence of whose ministry hundreds and thousands of them have been converted from the error of their way, and brought into the fold of Christ. The obligation still rests upon us as a Church to endeavor to remove those prejudices, under which they were led to sever their connection with us; to teach them that we are still their friends; that we still feel deeply interested in their welfare, and that we are willing, as far as we may have opportunity, to labor for their religious improvement.

While the relations of master and slave no longer exist among us, and while our people, as a consequence of the abolishment of that relation, are absolved, to a great extent, from the obligation to provide for the physical comfort of the colored people, we cannot, we dare not, fail to recognize the obligation to make provision, as far as we are able, for their moral and religious culture. It is our imperative duty as a Church to instruct them in the great science of salvation, to teach them that they are fallen in Adam but redeemed in Christ. We, as ministers, are bound by the great commission under which we hold the authority to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, to offer the precious boon of salvation to all men—to the black as well as the white. We have no discretion in the matter—we dare not make distinctions. Therefore, be it

1st. *Resolved,* That upon us as a Conference devolves the duty of looking after the religious interests of the colored people within our bounds.

2d. *Resolved,* That the ministers and preachers having a connection with this Conference be required to instruct religiously the colored people living within their respective charges, by preaching to them the pure word of God, as often as practicable.

3d. *Resolved,* That the colored people, who may unite with our branch of the Christian Church, shall, if they prefer it, be organized into separate classes, and that the preacher in charge shall select prudent men of their own color to be their leaders.

4th. *Resolved,* That we recommend the organization of the colored classes into Circuits, and the Circuits into an Annual Conference, under the jurisdiction of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, whenever it is practicable.

Respectfully submitted.

L. K. HAYNES, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Camp Meetings.

The Committee to whom the subject of Camp Meetings was referred, would submit the following as their report:

In reviewing the history of the progress of our beloved Methodism, in the past, we find (as we think) the great success which has attended

the preaching of the Gospel in the tented grove, one of the great instrumentalities by which her onward march has been accelerated, and believing, as we do, that hundreds, and perhaps thousands, who have been brought into the fold of Christ, at Camp Meetings, who have been ornaments to the Church, useful in their day and generation, many of whom are now in Paradise, and others on the way, who perhaps would never have been converted (some of them, at least,) had it not been for those annual meetings of the people of God in the grove. These, and several other important considerations, incline your Committee to think and believe in the utility and great good brought about through Camp Meetings; and believing, as your Committee does, that a great amount of good is still being accomplished, wherever they are held, as is abundantly manifest by the following report, viz: Three Camp Meetings were held this year in Wytheville District, 125 conversions reported; Pearisburg District, one Camp Meeting, 30 conversions; Knoxville District, one Camp Meeting, 10 conversions; Athens District, two Camp Meetings, 130 conversions; Asheville District, four Camp Meetings, some 80 conversions; in all, 375. Therefore, in view of these and other important facts, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, Camp Meetings have been of great benefit to the Church; and Whereas, they have to a great extent gone out of use in several Districts in this Conference, therefore,

1st. *Resolved*, That each Presiding Elder be requested to bring the subject of Camp Meetings before the Quarterly Meeting Conferences of each Circuit, and if possible have one or more Camp Meetings every year within the bounds of his District.

2d. *Resolved*, Whenever it is practicable, if a shed and cabins cannot be built, recommend the use of cloth tents, and other temporary arrangements.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRISMOND,
C. K. MILLER,
C. LONG.

Abingdon, Va., Sept. 28, 1869.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. *Resolved*, That all the preachers on Circuits and Stations within the Conference, be requested to organize the Sunday Schools in their several charges into Juvenile Missionary Societies, in which monthly collections shall be taken up, one-half for Foreign Missions and the other half for Domestic Missions.

2d. *Resolved*, That all the preachers in charge of Circuits and Stations take up a collection in every congregation during the month of December next, to aid in paying off the Missionary debt.

3d. *Resolved*, That the preachers in charge of Circuits and Stations be advised to enlist, so far as possible, the co-operation of two or more active laymen in each charge, who shall assist in raising missionary money in every congregation.

4th. *Resolved*, That a special sermon on Foreign Missions be preached before every congregation within the Conference during the month of December next.

W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Missionary Meetings.

1st. *Resolved,* That there is frequently too much levity in our Missionary and other meetings, for the collection of money for the Church; and the end proposed by such meetings would be better accomplished by cultivating a becoming seriousness.

2d. *Resolved,* That the too frequent appeal, on such occasions, to State, county and village pride, and to our esteem of brethren whom it is proposed to make "life members," as motives for giving, does harm by directing the public mind away from the Scriptural motives for Christian beneficence

3d *Resolved,* For a similar reason, Fairs, Concerts, Suppers, Charades, Tableaux. etc., whatever be their character in the abstract, ought not to be resorted to as a means for raising money for the Church.

FRANK RICHARDSON.

Report of the Trustees of Ambrister Fund.

The Trustees of the Ambrister fund report that we received, at the hands of J. H. Bruner, former Trustee, notes and currency amounting to $3,025 18, together with the interest for last year; also a deed for a house and lot in Calhoun, Tenn., valued at $600, together with insurance policy on same; also the receipt of Mr. M. Ginly, Esq., of Maryville, for a note for $400, placed in his hands for collection against the estate of Rev. Dowell, deceased; making in all $4,025 18. We loaned to Asa Ambrister $3,025 18, taking his note for the principal, due 1st October, 1871, and his note for the interest, due 1st October, '69, '70, and '71. We took a mortgage deed on a farm covering all these notes.

We would respectfully recommend that the Trustees be required to sell the house and lot in Calhoun.

We have on hand the interest for the present year	$181 50
Less the expenses for the year	14 30
Saving on hand	$161 20

Respectfully submitted.

E. E. WILEY,
G. TAYLOR.

Report of the Committee of Presiding Elders.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of Rev. Jas. Atkins, former Sunday School Agent, submit the following brief statement for the consideration of the Conference:

On examining the Report referred to, and the bills of Sunday School books forwarded from the Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn., to the Presiding Elders of this body for the past year, together with small sums of money paid by Brother Atkins to a few of our preachers, to be applied to Sunday School purposes, it appears that the whole amount of money and books which were in the hands of the Sunday School Agent, at the time his agency terminated, has been used in promoting the Sunday School enterprise, as directed by this body at its last session, if we ex-

cept two hundred dollars which the Agent retained, under conviction that he was entitled thereto in view of services rendered in the cause of Sunday Schools.

The Committee recommend that the amount retained by the Agent be given him, not only in view of the fact that he thinks it is his according to assessment of claims made while he was in the agency, but also, and especially, in view of the fact that he has rendered considerable service in the cause of Sunday Schools since his agency closed.

J. M. McTEER, Chairman.

WM. HICKS, Secretary.

Resolutions on Examinations.

1st. *Resolved*, That the Committees of Examination, and the undergraduates and applicants for admission on trial, be required to meet at the seat of Conference, from year to year, on Tuesday preceding, at 9 A. M., for the purpose of completing the examination, if possible, before the opening of Conference.

2d. *Resolved*, That if any Committeeman or undergraduate absent himself from this examination, without a lawful and satisfactory excuse, such a Committeeman shall be discontinued, and the vacancy filled by a new election; and in the case of the undergraduates, they shall forfeit the right of an examination for that year.

3d. *Resolved*, That the report of the Examining Committee shall be read in the presence of the brother whose case is called up in Conference, before he retires.

JAS. S. KENNEDY,
J. R. PAYNE.

Financial Plan.

The Financial Plan adopted at the last session of the Conference is approved by all the preachers, who have given it a fair trial. We therefore recommend substantially the same plan, modified as follows:

1. So soon as practicable after the adjournment of Conference, let the Presiding Elders call together the District Stewards in their several Districts, and let them fix the Presiding Elder's salary, and apportion it among the several charges composing the Districts, according to ability to pay.

2. Let the Presiding Elders see that this is done, and immediately transmit to the preachers in charge within their several Districts, a copy of the proceedings of the District Stewards' meeting, certified by their Secretary.

3. So soon as practicable, let the preachers in charge call together the Circuit Stewards, and lay before them the report of the proceedings of the District Stewards' meeting, (if received,) and let them fix the salary of the Circuit or Station preacher, and apportion it, together with the amounts apportioned to their several stations and circuits by the District Stewards, among the Churches, according to ability to pay.

4. Immediately thereafter let the Steward or Stewards of each Church associate with himself or themselves at least two other members, and let

them apportion the amount to be raised by each Church among its several members, according to ability to pay.

5. Let the Stewards make the apportionment among the members of the Station.

6. So soon thereafter as practicable, let the Stewards call together their several congregations and read to them the reports of the meetings of the District Stewards, the Circuit Stewards, and the Assessing Committees, which last shall be subject to amendment by the Church meetings.

7. Let the Stewards read in a Church meeting, once a quarter in the Circuits, and once a month in the Stations, the amount apportioned to each member, the amount paid, and the amount due.

8. At the close of the year let the preacher in charge call a meeting of the Stewards, and let them make out an account of the amounts collected for the Presiding Elder and the preacher in charge, and of the deficiencies, (if there be any,) and transmit it, certified by their Secretary, to the Joint Board of Finance of the Annual Conference.

9. Let the Presiding Elder collect the Bishops' Fund, and the preacher in charge that for the Superannuates and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers.

10. Let each preacher in charge preach at least one sermon a year to each congregation upon the subject of ministerial support, and other benevolent enterprises of the Church.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. HYDEN, Chairman.

BOBERT B. VANCE, Secretary.

Amounts Necessary to Meet the Claims

Of the Superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, and the Bishops' fund, as follows: (for next year.)

Districts.	Conference collections.	Bishops' fund.
Wytheville,	$200 00	$70 00
Pearisburg,	125 00	50 00
Abingdon,	200 00	70 00
Rogersville,	125 00	60 00
Jonesboro',	125 00	50 00
Knoxville,	150 00	50 00
Athens,	150 00	60 00
Chattanooga,	175 00	65 00
Pikeville,	100 00	40 00
Asheville,	175 00	65 00
Franklin,	125 00	40 00
Total,	$1,650 00	$620 00

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Names of Circuits and Stations.	Numbers.					Sunday School.					
	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Volumes in Library.	No. Visitors Taken.	Number of Conversions.
Wytheville District.											
Wytheville Station,.....		142		10	1	1	25	90	288	35	1
" Circuit,.....	8	1140		135	40	14	169	1006	2500		40
Newbern "	2	600		20	8	4	18	160	250	6	
Hillsville "	8	331		22	20	6	40	285	100		7
Grayson "	7	950	13	38	9	13	104	932	400	12	12
Independence Station...	2	83			2						
Jefferson Circuit,.....	10	765	3	10	13						
Marion "	6	660		59	60	6	51	520	1000		15
Total,.....	48	4671	16	283	133	44	399	2087	4583	53	75
Abingdon District.											
Abingdon Station,.....		111		4	5	1	20	85	356	40	
" Circuit, ...	7	689		28	12	11	70	346	1100		
Saltville "		480		9	16	8	46	410	524		
Jeffersonville Station,..		161	3	6	3	1	9	113	400	27	
Liberty Hill Circuit,.....	2	576	8	17	7	6	25	255	250		
Lebanon "	2	830	16	12	20	10	75	600	300	50	
Bristol Station,.....		187		12	10	1	17	125	300	52	6
" Circuit.....	2	500	3	12	10	4	20	150	800		
Buchanan Mission,.....	2	319		10	6	6	28	165	250		
Total,.....	15	3653	30	90	89	48	311	2249	4280	169	6
Pearisburg Dist.											
Pearisburg Station,.....		87		2	7	1	9	60	100		3
" Circuit, ...	3	500	2	20	35	10	60	300	35		6
East Tazwell "	5	8 8	18	15	3	4	41	178			
New River "	2	358		15	27	7	57	199	237		2
Seddensville "	7	475		12	10	8	25	350	50		
McDowell Mission,.....		113		4	21						
Flat Top Mission,.....	2	187				1	5	30			
Total.....	19	2548	20	68	10	31	197	1117	422		11
Jonesboro' District.											
Jonesboro' Station.....	1	107		3	1	9	60	300			
" Circuit.....	3	332	1	10	8	5	50	257	241		
Rheatown & Greenev'le	3	340		30	16						
Blountville, ...	6	779		13	41	6	45	230	525		10
Wautauga,.....	5	380		36	45	4	25	325		68	10
Elizab'ton & Taylorsv'e		44									
Cranberry,.....		41									
Fall Branch, ...		146									
St. Clair,.....	1	204		39	22	2	10	80	80		
Newport,.....	1	250	13			8	20	1 0			
Total,.....	20	2613	14	131	132	21	160	1072	1146	68	27
Rogersville Dist.											
Morristown and Mossy Creek Station,.....	2	232		6	4						
Russellville Circuit,.....		364		12	20	4	25	200	500		
Rutledge "		396		31		3	18	150	300		
Rogersville& Kingsport	5	506		38	40	3	15	150			
Powell's Valley,.....	5	551	54	35	150	5	38	218	280	29	
Jonesville,.....	7	767	40	18	49	10	78	530	305		5
Estellville,.....	4	786	10	10	5	5	32	220	250		20
Pattonsville,.....		310		10	36	7	60	440	200		
Rye Cove,.....	2	56				1	6	40			
Gladeville Mission, ...	7	23		16	20	7	58	223			
Total,.....	32	4706	104	145	355	45	330	2471	2825	29	25

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	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Volumes in Library.	No. Visitors Taken.	Number of Conversions.
Knoxville District.											
Knoxville,	3	270		37	24	1	20	200	650	100	
Len ir & Knox Circuit	1	395	15	6	34	2	17	150	200		34
Tazewe l & Jacksboro',	5	315		12	15						
Dandridge & N. Market		114		6	4	2	12	80	100		
Clinton & Maynardsv'le	2	323		75	55	5	20	380	1000		
Sevierville & L. River,	1	95		6	9	1	20	101	150		7
Total,	12	1572	15	142	141	11	89	9..	2 00	00	41
Athens District.											
Athens Station,		90				1	14	70	450	26	
" Circuit,	3	355		10	30	3	36	3..		30	14
Madisonville,	5	426		14	80						
Citico Mission,		41			15						
Sweetwater,	3	319	1	6	26	2	13	5[illegible]	80		
Riceville,	2	272	2	18	86	2	11	150	1		6
Decatur,	8	319		11	22	1	6	55			
Total,	21	1822	3	59	269	9	80	60..	530	56	20
Chattanooga Dist.											
Chattanooga,	3	172	1	7	15	2	12	290	500	72	2
Cleveland Station	1	111		14	6	1	18	130	300		
" Circuit,	1	308		8	60	3	25	21..	200	35	18
Charleston & Calhoun	1	99		5	13	1	11	100	225		4
Benton Circuit,	1	196		6	4	5	26	185	209	4	
Trenton "	5	402		16	15	6	25	260	450	2	10
Lookout "	3	576		20	50	4	25	200	300		20
Total,	15	3864	1	76	163	22	140	1290	2184	113	54
Pikeville District.											
Pikeville Circuit,	3	256			3	2	14	120	150	12	
Jasper		295	2	2	15	2	8	60	25		
Washington,	6	292	1	10	30	5	31	220	180	26	
Kingston	5	240		12	18	3	57	250	250	80	16
Altamont & Tracy City,	1	66		1	7	3	15	112		50	
Spencer,	1	70				1	1	40			
Cumberland,	1	123		3	4	3	18	100	100		
Total,	22	1342	3	28	77	19	144	90..	705	68	6
Asheville District.											
Asheville Station,	2	150		5	1	1	23	150	450	50	6
" Circuit,	4	410				11	90	500	1240		
Hendersonville,	1	147	7	2		2	17	85	115		
Catawba	2	358	3	47	23	5	70	360	210		115
Mills River,	2	33	1	7	21	6	33	20.	200		56
Burnsville	3	423	4	20	8	4	12	100	4		
Sulphur Springs	4	483		11		8	47	378	222		10
Spring Creek Mission,	2	196	6	5							
Total	20	2653	21	67	65	40	310	1893	2441	50	187
Franklin District.											
Franklin Circuit	6	650	24	20	45	6	40	400	600		20
Murphy "	4	280	15								
Ft. Hembree "	4	300									
Webster	1	459	6	17	9	2	13	140			10
Waynesville,	2	455									
Mine City Station,		75		4	0						
Total,	20	2239	115	41	60	8	53	54	600		30

STATISTICAL TABLES.—Continued.

RECAPITULATION.

Names of Circuits and Stations.	Numbers.					Sunday Schools.					
	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Volumes in Library.	No. Visitors Taken.	Number of Conversions.
Wytheville District,.....	43	4671	16	285	139	44	399	2487	4538	53	75
Abingdon District,.....	15	3653	3	90	89	48	317	2249	4280	179	6
Pearisburg District,.....	19	2548	20	68	103	31	197	1117	422		11
Jonesboro' District,.....	20	2613	14	131	132	21	160	1072	1146	68	27
Rogersville District,.....	32	4706	104	145	355	45	330	2171	1835	49	5
Knoxville District,.....	12	1512	15	142	14	11	89	911	2100	100	41
Athens District,.....	21	1822	3	59	269	9	80	609	530	56	20
Chattanooga District,...	15	1864	1	76	163	22	140	1290	2184	113	54
Pikeville District,.....	22	1342	3	28	77	19	144	902	705	168	16
Asheville District,.....	20	2654	21	67	65	40	319	1893	2441	50	187
Franklin District,.....	20	2239	15	41	6	3	53	640	609		30
Total.....	238	29724	342	1132	1587	268	2213	15751	20782	820	631

Cheowa and Echota Missions, 1 Local Preacher; 110 White and 70 Colored Members.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Names of Districts, Circuits and Stations, and by Whom Served.	Real Estate.				Support of the Ministry.				Benevolent Operations.	
	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Number of Camp Grounds.	Value of Property.	Preachers' Claims.	Preachers' Receipts.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Collections.	Sunday Schools.	Missions.
Wytheville District, J. M. McTeer,					700 00	495 45	30 00			
Wytheville, Station, W. W. W. Bays,	1			4,500 00	600 00	555 00	10 00	6 85	17 00	20 00
" Circuit, J. T. Frazier,	10	1	1	13,000 00	650 00	395 60	15 00	15 25	36 00	36 30
Newbern " B. W. S. Bishop,	5	1		6,850 00	650 00	383 39	10 00	7 00	20 00	74 60
Hillsville " J. W. S. Neal,	3			2,950 00	350 00	168 42	5 00	1 00	10 00	5 00
Jefferson " W. L. Turner,	7	1	2	6,700 00	350 00	180 30	10 00			6 15
" " Kennerly C. Atkins,					135 00	68 15				
Marion " S. D. Gaines,	6	1		10,200 00	500 00	500 00	10 00	4 50	50 00	40 00
Independence Station, J. R. Payne,					150 00	94 15				1 50
Grayson Circuit, G. W. Callahan	12	1	1	15,000 00	450 00	183 50		1 00	17 00	15 00
Total	44	5	4	59,200 00	4,535 00	3,024 05	90 00	35 60	150 00	193 35
Pearisburg District, W. Hicks					850 00	528 29	19 25			
Pearisburg Station, T. F. Smith,	1			4,000 00	450 00	291 63		2 25	30 00	15 00
" Circuit, W. P. Doane,	7		1	4,400 00	450 00	430 00	2 00	5 00	20 00	40 00
East Tazewell, J. W. Bennett,	7			3,000 00	600 00	220 00		7 30		10 00
" " E. H. Bogle,					150 00	75 50				
McDowell Mission, A. Q. Harmon,					150 00	107 70				
New River, G. W. K. Green,	3			1,500 00	325 00	130 00			20 00	7 00
Mechanicsburg, W. H. Stephens,					325 00	200 00		8 10	10 00	33 45
Flat Top Mission, J. A. Smith,					150 00	140 00				
Total,	24		1	16,100 00	3,450 00	2,123 12	21 25	22 65	80 00	105 45

FINANCIAL REPORT.—Continued.

Names of Districts, Circuits and Stations, and by Whom Served.	Real Estate.				Support of the Ministry.				Benevolent Operations.	
	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Number of Camp Grounds.	Value of Property.	Preachers' Claims.	Preachers' Receipts.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Collections.	Sunday Schools.	Missions.
Abingdon District, J. W. Dickey,					700 00	418 00				
Abingdon Station, W. G. Cunningham	1			5,000 00	450 00	450 00	10 00		20 00	424 40
" Circuit, J. C. Hyden,	11	1	1	10,200 00	700 00	530 00	10 70	15 00	48 70	61 43
" " Joseph Haskew,					100 00	72 27	25			10 00
Saltville " E. Vertigens,	2			800 00	600 00	314 43	10 00			
Jeffersonville Station, A. J. Frazier,	2	1		8,600 00	400 00	416 00			8 00	70 00
Liberty Hill, P. J. Lockhart,	2			1,800 00	300 00	235 0	7 00			9 35
Buchanan Mission, J. N. Boyd,	1			300 00	141 27	141 27				
Lebanon, J. Torbitt,	7	1	1	8,000 00	600 00	331 00	10 00	10 00	25 00	35 00
Bristol Station, David Sullins,	1			4,000 00	700 00	5 0 00	10 00	20 00	30 00	15 00
" Circuit, F. D. Crumley,	5			1,600 00	425 00	300 00	8 00		20 0	9 00
Total,	32	3	2	44,500 00	5,116 27	3717 97	65 95	45 00	157 70	634 18
Jonesboro' District, G. W. Miles,					700 00	532 27				
Jonesboro' Station, R. H. Parker,	1			5,000 00	200 00	200 00	10 00	6 50	100 00	45 00
" Circuit, D. B. Carter,	5	1		3,000 00	500 00	284 27	5 55	4 55		14 75
Rheatown and Greeneville, J. W. Bowman,	12	2		10,700 00	500 00	482 00	6 00	40 00		40 00
Blountville, S. R. Wheeler,	8	1	1	9,550 00	650 00	359 62	10 00	22 00	26 50	40 00
Watauga, G. W. Martin,	2			2,000 00	300 00	80 00				21 45
Elizabethton and Taylorsville,	1			3,000 00						
Fall Branch, W. K. Cross,	5			2,500 00						
St. Clair, W. D. Mitchell,	7			4,200 00	200 00	120 40	2 30	3 70		8 50
Newport, M. A. Davidson,	3			3,000 00						
Total,	*44	4	1	42,950 00	3,05 00	2,058 56	33 55	76 75	126 50	144 95

*The number of our Churches in this District held by the M. E. Church is *eighteen*, valued at sixteen thousand dollars, and the number of parsonages thus held is *four*, valued at two thousand nine hundred dollars.

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	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Number of Camp Grounds.	Value of Property.	Preachers' Claims.	Preachers' Receipts.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Collections.	Sunday Schools.	Missions.
Rogersville District, W. Robeson					800 00	560 10	46 45			16 65
Morristown and Mossy Creek, Geo. Stewart,	2	1		10,600 00	750 00	510 92		34 10		53 40
Russellville, F. A Farley	6		1	15,000 00	400 00	151 00		5 00		10 30
Rutledge, P. S. Sutton,	8		1	4,000 00	100 00	46 00		5 00		12 70
Rogersville and Kingsport, R. Steel,					400 00	400 00				31 35
Powell's Valley, E. H. Carr,	4			1,700 00	367 00	370 00		10 00		23 35
Jonesville, W. H Cooper,	12			3,550 00	450 00	4 5 58		26 10	12 80	25 00
Estillville, J. M. Crismond,	8	1		7,400 00	400 00	293 00		4 15	24 00	13 00
Pattonville, D. B. Smith,	4			1,600 00	250 00	131 00				24 23
Rye Cove, J. T. Freeman								2 50		
Gladesville, S. J. Harrison,	3			800 00	308 33	203 35				
Total,	46	2	2	44,650 00	4,225 33	3,070 95	46 45	86 85	36 80	207 98
Knoxville District, W. H. Bates,					1,000 00	786 00	5 00			
Knoxville Station, G Taylor,	2			12,000 00	700 00	800 00	10 0	27 10	100 06	58 92
Lenoir and Knox Circuit, B F. Nuckolls	6		2	11,000 00	600 00	500 00	5 00	7 10	25 00	5 00
Maryville and Louisville,	4		1	5,700 00						
Tazewell and Jacksboro', W. B. Lyda					500 00	270 00		5 00		13 00
Dandridge and New Market, A. E. Woodward,	11		1	8,400 00	200 0	94 00		1 50		3 10
Clinton and Maynardsville, G. T. Gray	10	1	1	7 500 00	400 00	500 00	5 00			
Sevierville and Little River, Jacob Smith,	12		2	8,000 00	200 00	120 00	2 00	5 00		
Total	*45	1	7	52,600 00	3,600 00	3,070 0	27 00	45 95	125 00	79 92

*The number of our Churches in the Knoxville District held by the M. E. Church is twenty, and the total value of these Churches is estimated at twenty-two thousand two hundred dollars.

FINANCIAL REPORT.—Continued.

Names of Districts, Circuits and Stations, and by Whom Served.	Real Estate.				Support of the Ministry.				Benevolent Operations.	
	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Number of Camp Grounds.	Value of Property.	Preachers' Claims.	Preachers' Receipts.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Collections.	Sunday Schools.	Missions.
Athens District, R. M. Hickey					600 00	517 75	50 00			
Athens Station, J. K Stringfield	1			5,000 00	340 00	287 66			16 50	7 70
" Circuit, J. A. Wiggins	6	1	1	7,650 00	400 00	312 82		5 35	9 75	10 00
Sweetwater Circuit, J. Brillhart	8		1	9,000 00	367 75	367 75		22 70		56 00
Madisonville, H. B. Brandon	5	1	1	2,100 00	300 00	300 00		4 10		21 80
Riceville, W. W. Neal	4			1,800 00	375 00	265 00		2 00	8 00	
Decatur, T. S. Salyer	4		1	2,700 00	320 00	320 00		2 00		7 55
Total	*28	2	4	28.250 00	2,702 75	2,370 98	50 00	37 15	34 25	102 85
Chattanooga District, C. Long					600 00	504 11	50 00			
Chattanooga Station, C T Carroll	1			10,000 00	600 00	600 00		12 49	25 00	60 00
Benton Circuit, N W Vaughn	2		2	7,000 00	300 00	122 50				
Trenton " S. V. Bates	4	1		1,800 00	300 00	235 70		4 00	26 00	
Lookout " W. B. McKelvey	5			2,000 00	275 00	222 05			50 00	50
Cleveland Station, H. C. Neal	1			5,650 00	300 00	300 00		10 00		17 10
" Circuit, W. W Pyatt	11			2,000 00	225 00	186 30		5 00	7 80	26 18
Charleston and Calhoun, J. L. M. French	1			3,000 00	200 00	200 00		5 25	20 00	2 50
Total	†25	1	2	31,450 00	2,800 00	2,370 00	50 00	36 74	128 80	106 18

*The number of our Churches in the Athens District held by the M. E. Church is Four, and their estimated value is Eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars.

†The number of our Churches in Chattanooga District held by the M. E. Church is Two, and their estimated value is Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

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	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Number of Camp Grounds.	Value of Property.	Preachers' Claims.	Preachers' Receipts.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Collections.	Sunday Schools.	Missions.
Pikeville District S. Phillips,					650 00	403 15	7 45			
Pikeville Circuit, L. L. H. Carlock,	2	1		2,300 00	425 00	166 50	10 00			23 00
Jasper " L. C. Delashmit,	3		1	1,550 00	450 00	314 05	2 00			17 95
Washington Circuit, W. H. Weaver,	6		2	3,200 00	350 00	124 33	10 00	12 80		24 00
Kingston " M. L. Clendenin,	6			4,050 00	350 00	237 31	10 00	24 40	40 00	40 00
Spencer Mission, D. H. Atkins,					200 00	180 00				
Cumberland, M. H. Moody,	3		1	1,000 00	315 00	125 00				
Total,	*20	1	4	12,100 00	2,740 00	1,550 39	39 50	37 20	40 00	104 76
Asheville District, J Boring,					1,000 00	617 70				5 00
Asheville Station, L. K. Haynes,	1			5,000 00	500 00	500 0	10 00	12 00	85 00	195 20
" Circuit, B. F. White,				1,600 00	585 00	236 00	10 00	10 00		55 00
Hendersonville, F. Richardson,	2	1	1	2,650 00	160 00	117 70	5 00	1 70	20 00	1 70
Catawba, E. H. Hampton,	4			2,500 00	500 00	307 34	6 00		40 00	35 00
Spring Creek Mission, T. M. Dula,	2			800 00	150 00	92 39				
Mills River, J. R. Long,	4		2	5,000 00	500 00	200 00	8 00	14 00	10 00	40 00
Cane Creek, R. N. Price,	2			1,000 00	160 00	102 00				5 00
Burnsville, R. W. Pickens,	8		1	1,500 00	400 00	179 16	6 00			5 00
Sulphur Springs, W. M. Kerr,	5		2	4,100 00	450 00	212 00	10 00	1 55		35 00
Total,	28	1	6	24,150 00	3 505 00	2,564 29	57 75	41 50	155 00	376 90

*The Church at Kingston is held by the M. E. Church, and is valued in the above estimate at Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

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Names of Districts, Circuits and Stations, and by Whom Served.	Real Estate.				Support of the Ministry.				Benevolent Operations.	
	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Number of Camp Grounds.	Value of Property.	Preachers' Claims.	Preachers' Receipts.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Collections.	Sunday Schools.	Missions.
Franklin District, E. W. Moore,					7 0 0	4 0 0				
Franklin Circuit, F. F. Glenn,	6	1	1	11,200 00	500 00	404 00	7 60	25 15		25 00
Murphy Circuit, C Campbell	3			5,500 00						
Ft. Hembree Circuit, H. W. Bays,	4		1	1,850 00						
Webster, J. Mahoney,					500 00	280 71	0 50	0 50		10 15
Waynesville, J. W. Bird,	6			2,000 00	100 00	300 00	2 00			
Echota Mission,	2			500 00						
Mine City Station, J M. Massie,	1			1,500 00	300 00	198 00				1 00
Cheoha Mission, T. Cooper,	2			500 00						
Total,	28	1	2	23,050 00	2 7 0 00	1,582 00	15 10	25 65		36 15
RECAPITULATION.										
Wytheville District,	44	5	4	59,200 00	4,535 00	3,024 05	90 0	35 00	150 00	193 55
Abingdon "	32	3	2	49,300 00	5, 16 27	3 717 95	65 95	45 0	157 70	634 18
Pearisburg "	24		1	16,100 00	3.450 00	2,124 12	37 25	22 65	80 00	105 45
Jonesboro' "	44	4	1	43 950 00	3,050 00	2,058 50	34 55	76 75	126 00	140 95
Rogersville "	46	2	2	44,650 00	4,225 35	3,070 95	46 45	86 8	36 80	2 7 98
Knoxville "	45	1	7	52,600 00	3,600 00	3 070 00	27 00	45 95	1 5 0	79 92
Athens "	28		4	28,250 00	2,702 75	2,370 98	50 00	37 15	34 25	102 85
Chattanooga "	25	1	2	31,450 00	2,800 00	2,3 0 00	50 00	36 74	128 80	106 18
Pikeville "	20	1	4	12,100 00	2 740 00	1,550 39	39 50	37 20	40 00	104 75
Asheville "	28	1	0	24 150 00	3,5 5 00	2,564 29	57 7	41 50	153 00	376 90
Franklin "	24	1	2	23 05 00	2,700 00	1,584 00	15 10	25 65		36 10
Grand Total,	356	21	35	384 8 00 00	38,424 35	27 503 07	512 55	*489 04	1034 45	092 96

*Conference Collection correctly added, ... $491 04
Interest on Waugh Fund, 1869, ... 18 00
" Ambrister " " 107 00
Total Conference collection, ... $851 97

Interest on Preachers' Aid Fund. 1869. ..... $88 90
Collection at Abingdon, on Sunday, ... 107 03

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